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S. 721

To expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 26, 2009

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Alpine Lakes Wilder-
5 ness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie
6 Rivers Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ALPINE LAKES WILDERNESS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is designated as wilderness
3 and as a component of the National Wilderness Preserva-
4 tion System certain Federal land in the Mount Baker-
5 Snoqualmie National Forest in the State of Washington
6 comprising approximately 22,100 acres, as generally de-
7 picted on the map entitled “Proposed Alpine Lakes Wil-
8 derness Additions” and dated March 23, 2009, which is
9 incorporated in and shall be considered to be a part of
10 the Alpine Lakes Wilderness.

11 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—

12 (1) MANAGEMENT.—Subject to valid existing
13 rights, the land designated as wilderness by sub-
14 section (a) shall be administered by the Secretary of
15 Agriculture (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
16 retary”), in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16
17 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that any reference in
18 that Act to the effective date of that Act shall be
19 considered to be a reference to the date of enact-
20 ment of this Act.

21 (2) MAP AND DESCRIPTION.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable
23 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
24 retary shall file a map and a legal description
25 of each wilderness area designated by sub-
26 section (a) with—

1 (i) the Committee on Natural Re-
2 sources of the House of Representatives;
3 and

4 (ii) the Committee on Energy and
5 Natural Resources of the Senate.

6 (B) FORCE OF LAW.—A map and legal de-
7 scription filed under subparagraph (A) shall
8 have the same force and effect as if included in
9 this Act, except that the Secretary may correct
10 errors in the map and legal description.

11 (C) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each map
12 and legal description filed under subparagraph
13 (A) shall be filed and made available for public
14 inspection in the appropriate office of the Sec-
15 retary.

16 (c) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTER-
17 EST.—Any land within the boundary of the land des-
18 ignated as wilderness by subsection (a) that is acquired
19 by the United States shall—

20 (1) become part of the wilderness area; and

21 (2) be managed in accordance with subsection

22 (b)(1).

1 **SEC. 3. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATIONS.**

2 Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
3 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(171) MIDDLE FORK SNOQUALMIE, WASH-
6 INGTON.—The 27.4-mile segment from the head-
7 waters of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River near
8 La Bohn Gap in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 20, T. 24 N., R. 13
9 E., to the northern boundary of sec. 11, T. 23 N.,
10 R. 9 E., to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-
11 culture in the following classifications:

12 “(A) The approximately 6.4-mile segment
13 from the headwaters of the Middle Fork
14 Snoqualmie River near La Bohn Gap in NE $\frac{1}{4}$
15 sec. 20, T. 24 N., R. 13 E., to the west section
16 line of sec. 3, T. 23 N., R. 12 E., as a wild
17 river.

18 “(B) The approximately 21-mile segment
19 from the west section line of sec. 3, T. 23 N.,
20 R. 12 E., to the northern boundary of sec. 11,
21 T. 23 N., R. 9 E., as a scenic river.

22 “(172) PRATT RIVER, WASHINGTON.—The en-
23 tirety of the Pratt River in the State of Washington,
24 located in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National

- 1 Forest, to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-
- 2 culture as a wild river.”.

